Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, South Dakota was founded with hard work, perseverance, dedication to duty and concern for one's fellow man; and,

WHEREAS, Valeria (Neiss) Hand has devoted her life to the betterment of her community, the caring and sharing with family and friends, and the day-to-day giving and loving which make South Dakota a great state in which to live and work; and,

WHEREAS, Valeria Hand worked for the welfare program in Pine Ridge; was commissioned by the Bureau of Indian Affairs as a special officer, which at the time there were only two women who held this position in the United States; she started the Farmers Extension Office; and worked at the Rosebud Hospital as a field health clerk; and,

WHEREAS, Valeria received a citation from the Aberdeen Area Office for starting the first eyeglass program on the reservation; and,

WHEREAS, Valeria Hand has reached her 75th birthday, an occasion of joy and celebration; and,

WHEREAS, On behalf of a state grateful for the benefits derived from Valeria Hand's years as a productive and outstanding citizen of South Dakota:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 13, 1989, as

VALERIA (NEISS) HAND DAY

in South Dakota, and I join her many friends and relatives in wishing Valeria a very happy birthday and many more years of health and happiness.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourteenth Day of April, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Nine

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE